

# Holy Trinity Church of England (Aided) Primary School



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## Policy Statement

### COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

At Cookridge Holy Trinity Primary we have daily acts of Collective Worship, in which pupils and staff are actively involved, this reflects the distinctive and inclusive ethos of our Anglican foundation.

#### AIMS

- To use Collective Worship for the children in order to meet their expectations and needs.
- To enjoy worshipping together.
- To stimulate imagination and encourage participation.

By these means to enable the children:

- To gain a clear and concise understanding of Christian teaching and practice with reference to the teachings of the Church of England and the Holy Scriptures.
- To reflect and be encouraged to perceive the spiritual dimension of being human.
- To give thanks to God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- To encourage respect for others and to explore and discover relationships and diversity.

#### ORGANISATION

Responsibility for arranging Collective Worship in a Voluntary Aided school rests with the Governing Body, after consultation with the Head Teacher. At the present time Collective Worship is organised on a whole school basis and is led by staff, clergy, visitors or the pupils themselves. A list of weekly themes is available for the whole year, **these themes link to our school's core Christian Values (see R.E policy) and include some themes which link to our major Christian festivals. In the classroom and weekly school newsletter, each half term's Christian Value, memory verses of Bible quotations and our ethos statement are displayed.**

- Special celebrations take place at

Harvest

Christmas

Easter

Significant times of school year e.g Trinity Day

A variety of types of Collective Worship are reflected in the relatedness between school and the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, Cookridge. Participation in the end of year services, Easter

and Christmas services provide opportunities for the children's experience to be focused outside the more familiar setting of the school premises and enriched by that process.

The Vicar of Cookridge has a number of roles in the provision of Collective Worship both in and out of school. As the leader, facilitator, consultant and resource person, he crosses many boundaries within the relationship of the school and the church.

In order that Collective Worship is effective, careful planning, preparation and organisation is needed to ensure that it is a special time for all pupils and that acts of worship are as meaningful as possible. **Our newly designed Worship Area allows worship to take place out of doors with opportunities for reflection and appreciation of the natural world and God's Creation.**

Christian symbols and artefacts are used to provide a central focus to enhance the atmosphere of worship and celebration during Collective Worship.

A wide range of books, posters and artefacts are available to use for those leading acts of worship.

## **INCLUSION**

As an Inclusive School, ALL pupils, irrespective of social background, culture, race, gender, differences in ability and disabilities have access to a balanced and broadly based curriculum which includes Collective Worship. We aim to meet the needs of the children in our care by: setting suitable learning challenges; responding to pupils' diverse learning needs and overcoming potential barriers to learning and assessment.

## **INVOLVEMENT/PARTICIPATION**

All teaching members of staff will be expected to participate fully in the school's acts of collective worship when required. Members of the Governing Body are welcome to join the school at worship times.

Visitors are invited to lead Collective Worship on a regular basis.

The Governing Body and Collective Worship leader will monitor and evaluate Collective Worship in line with school policy.

## **RIGHT TO WITHDRAWAL**

Parents may withdraw their children from Religious Education and /or Worship. However, in choosing to send their children to a Church school the Governors expect that parents are thereby committing to their child's full participation in the Christian life of the school, including RE and Worship.

This policy statement will be reviewed annually by the Governing body and staff of the school.

**To be reviewed July 2018**